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## REMARKS

The specification has been amended to correct a clerical error. No new matter is believed to have been added. An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is solicited.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 20, line 26 through Page 21, line 16.

--A peptide including substitution, insertion and/or deletion of one or more amino acid residues in the amino acid sequence can be easily prepared by using a DNA coding for the peptide specified by the aforementioned amino acid sequence. For example, such a peptide can be obtained by mutating a transformant such as *Escherichia coli* to which a recombinant vector containing the DNA is introduced, by using an agent such as [N-nitro-N'-nitro-N-nitrosoquanidine] N-methyl-N'-nitro-N-nitrosoquanidine and collecting a gene DNA from microbial cells. The DNA may also be directly treated with an agent such as sodium nitrite. Furthermore, for example, the site-directed mutagenesis (Kramer, W. and Frits, H.J., Methods in Enzymology, 154, 350, 1987), the recombinant PCR method described in "PCR Experiment Manual", 155-160, HJB Publications, 1991, the method for preparing mutant genes by PCR described in "Jikken Igaku", Special Issue, 8 (9), 63-67, Yodosha Co., Ltd., 1990 and so forth can be used.--